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STOCKS OF A MAJORITY OF VEGETABLE SEEDS  
SMALLER THAN LAST YEAR BUT ABOVE AVERAGE

Stocks of 29 out of 49 vegetable seeds held by dealers on June 30 were smaller this year than last but 34 kinds were above average, the Bureau of Agricultural Economics reported today. This is shown in the reports received from 265 dealers whose carry-over probably was 95 percent or more of the total quantity of vegetable seeds held at the end of June by all the dealers in the United States. The 265 dealers and the Government held nearly 75.8 million pounds, compared with approximately 69.9 million pounds in 1946 and the 1941-45 average of 93.1 million pounds for these seeds.

Stocks of large seeds--beans, peas, and corn--totaling 59,745,000 pounds, were 17 percent larger than last year but 26 percent below the 5-year average. The situation with respect to the small seeds--beet, carrot, onion, etc.--was the reverse. Stocks of the small seeds, totaling 16,007,000 pounds, were 15 percent smaller than last year but 26 percent larger than the average.

Of the more important kinds of vegetable seeds, stocks declined most from last year for pole lima beans (1947 stocks 40 percent of 1946), rutabaga (43%), turnip (47%), mangelwurzel (50%), carrot (51%), dwarf green beans (68%), pole beans (68%), and swiss chard (70%). Important kinds whose stocks increased most over last year are cucumber (1947 stocks 229 percent of 1946), muskmelon (223%), wrinkled peas (182%), tomato (171%), dwarf wax beans (155%), smooth peas (150%), spinach (129%), and heading lettuce (128%).

Compared with the 5-year average, stocks of 34 kinds were larger this year, but 15 others were smaller. Increases for important kinds were largest this year for onion (1947 stocks 262 percent of average), hybrid sweetcorn (237%), kale (216%), muskmelon (200%), tomato (189%), and winter squash (187%). Declines for important kinds were most marked for dwarf lima beans (1947 stocks 29 percent of average), smooth peas (42%), pole lima beans (58%), pole beans (68%), spinach (82%), and turnip (83%).

Stocks held by the Government on June 30, 1945, 1946, and 1947 which are included in the table on the reverse side, are given below.

Kind	'45	'46	'47	Kind	'45	'46	'47	Kind	'45	'46	'47
	1,000 lb.				1,000 lb.				1,000 lb.		
D. G. beans	400	49	-	Sw. corn, hy.	481	166	28	Onion	107	18	1
D. W. beans	14	-	-	Sw. corn, va.	89	127	-	Parsley	6	9	-
Pole beans	137	2	6	Cucumber	93	6	-	Parsnip	20	-	-
D. L. beans	4	1	-	Eggplant	3	-	-	Sm. peas	33	-	1
Gard. beet	419	9	1	Endive	9	9	-	Wr. peas	1,481	10	-
Man'wurzel	5	113	-	Kale	3	-	-	Pepper	2	-	-
Broccoli	7	-	-	Kohlrabi	13	-	-	Pumpkin	13	1	-
Brus. sprts	1	-	-	Leek	56	3	-	Radish	295	251	-
Cabbage	453	166	-	Hd. lettuce	155	19	-	Salsify	1	1	-
Ch. cabbage	11	10	-	Le. lettuce	39	5	-	Spinach	120	39	-
Carrot	870	583	-	Ro. lettuce	13	-	-	S. squash	65	-	-
Cau'flower	59	32	-	Muskmelon	7	4	-	W. squash	22	1	-
Celery	7	7	-	Watermelon	14	-	-	Tomato	17	2	-
Sw. chard	57	43	-	Mustard	5	-	-	Turnip	334	2	-
Chicory	2	1	-	Okra	1	1	-	Rutabaga	630	34	-

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STOCKS OF VEGETABLE SEEDS ON JUNE 30, 1942-47

AND 5-YEAR (1941-45) AVERAGE

(Held by 265 dealers and the Government)

Kind	Average: : 1941-45:	1942	: 1943	: 1944	: 1945	: 1946	: 1947
T H O U S A N D P O U N D S							
*Beans, Dwf. Green	11,754	7,781	1/9,208	1/12,923	1/18,345	1/15,121	10,357
*Beans, Dwf. Wax	1,996	2,467	1,164	1,175	1/1,485	1,720	2,671
*Beans, Pole	2,935	2,327	1/2,481	1/3,015	1/4,539	1/2,944	1/1,999
*Beans, Dwf. Lima	4,639	3,599	1/4,699	1/6,182	1/4,819	1/1,792	1,344
*Beans, Pole Lima	802	403	768	977	1,376	1,171	465
Beet, Garden	1,041	496	1/458	1/614	1/2,301	1/1,781	1/1,667
Mangelwurzel	129	59	1/72	1/175	1/238	1/251	125
Broccoli	58	23	1/86	1/69	1/86	100	76
Brussels Sprouts	4	4	1	6	1/7	11	11
Cabbage	630	604	1/476	1/244	1/1,230	1/1,152	948
Cabbage, Chinese	24	10	1/16	1/26	1/51	1/66	57
Carrot	1,054	210	1/442	1/1,378	1/2,870	1/2,103	1,070
Cauliflower	41	19	1/24	1/36	1/102	1/69	46
Celery	45	28	1/45	1/57	1/62	1/72	95
Chard, Swiss	249	65	1/173	1/320	1/632	1/518	363
Chicory	18	4	1/7	1/42	1/30	1/23	16
Collard	140	148	165	99	187	200	159
*Corn, Sw. Hybrids	1,624	1,341	1/662	1/1,170	1/4,388	1/3,431	1/3,845
*Corn, Sw. Vars.	2,398	2,384	1/1,411	1/1,775	1/4,308	1/3,745	3,024
*Corn, Non-Sweet	455	430	639	720	248	322	349
Cress	2	4	2	1	3	2	4
Cucumber	574	542	1/367	1/461	1/541	1/382	876
Dill	23	8	16	41	42	42	30
Eggplant	17	19	1/12	1/13	1/31	14	13
Endive	92	47	1/83	1/129	1/100	1/124	117
Kale	64	25	1/36	1/55	1/166	158	138
Kohlrabi	15	3	4	4	51	37	22
Leek	21	1	1/4	1/20	1/78	1/57	36
Lettuce, Heading	406	380	1/281	1/398	1/584	1/450	578
Lettuce, Leaf	257	214	1/105	1/203	1/569	1/484	370
Lettuce, Romaine	53	26	1/38	1/85	1/95	64	43
Muskmelon	296	346	1/343	1/226	1/252	1/266	593
Watermelon	401	492	1/577	1/253	1/297	Data Incomplete	
Okra	120	150	96	113	1/105	1/80	146
Mustard	292	140	117	405	1/570	615	581
Onion	221	51	1/156	1/312	1/454	1/576	1/580
Parsley	127	137	1/103	1/127	1/149	1/178	199
Parsnip	98	63	1/101	1/97	1/195	185	163
*Peas, Smooth	22,821	14,422	1/26,752	1/55,613	1/15,186	6,464	1/9,672
*Peas, Wrinkled	30,935	17,754	1/26,379	1/53,843	1/44,272	1/14,301	26,019
Pepper	63	82	1/99	1/43	1/33	39	111
Pumpkin	158	153	1/157	1/181	1/165	1/153	198
Radish	1,769	1,517	1/1,693	1/1,869	1/2,660	1/2,660	2,013
Salsify	17	21	11	4	9	9	11
Spinach	1,869	823	1/1,967	1/2,835	1/3,096	1/1,195	1,536
Squash, Summer	341	246	1/314	1/403	1/539	534	593
Squash, Winter	177	132	1/130	1/182	1/336	1/350	331
Tomato	231	274	1/172	1/160	1/255	1/255	436
Turnip	1,592	1,613	1/1,384	1/920	1/2,331	1/2,808	1,324
Rutabaga	406	127	1/165	1/314	1/1,259	1/796	342
Total large *seeds	80,359	52,908	74,163	137,393	98,966	51,011	59,745
Total small seeds	13,132	9,306	10,498	12,910	22,761	2/18,859	2/16,007
Total all kinds	93,491	62,214	84,661	150,303	121,727	2/69,870	2/75,752

1/ Includes stocks held by the Government in the quantities given in the last paragraph on the reverse side. 2/ Does not include watermelon seed.